

Highland  
Council  
1580

# Knight Times



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## Upcoming Events

40 Days for Life Hour 3/15

Bishop's Mass 3/21

Lenten Fish Fry 2/17 - 4/2

Mississippi Valley Regional  
Blood Drive 3/26

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## GRAND KNIGHT'S MESSAGE: MARCH 2021

I wish everyone a blessed and joyful Easter season. It is starting out with a little bit of winter weather, but hopefully by Holy week the warmer weather of Spring will be upon us.

We are conducting Drive-Thru Fish Fries this year during Lent. The first two on Ash Wednesday and the following Friday were very successful. During these cautious times Drive-Thru's have been great events for our council. We chose to offer two very good meals, at a reasonable price for our patrons. We are aware that COVID-19 is still

a threat and continue to be apprehensive of allowing dining in our hall during council sponsored events.

I would like to thank Bill Napper who edited our Knight Times newsletter for the past 8 years. During that time we were awarded the best published newsletter in the state of Illinois. I am grateful to Emily and Jacob Rose, who stepped up to edit and produce our "New" Knight Times newsletter. The first edition very professionally edited.

I would also like to thank our Spelling Bee Chairman, John Genteman who lead our

Spelling Bee this year. We had students participate from St. Paul, St. Rose and Highland. The event was very well planned and organized. The word which determined the winner was "monumental". I believe this word described how well our Spelling Bee was orchestrated.

We have several events ahead besides our weekly Fish Fries. March 15th is our Councils day at the "40 days for Life" hour of prayer at the Granite City Clinic. Please contact Leon Lubber or myself if you are able to participate.

On March 26th Mississippi Valley Regional Blood Center will be conducting a Blood Drive at our hall from 3:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. They provide blood to all the local hospitals including St. Joseph's in Highland.

Our Council Officer's meeting and the Columbus Club Officer's meeting are held on the first Tuesday of every month. The Council officer's meeting starts at 7:00 p.m. and the Columbus Club officer's meeting follows at 8:00 p.m. All Knights are welcome to attend. If anyone would have a concern or an idea to propose to either executive board; this would be the time to come. Please notify an officer ahead that you may be recognized at the meeting.

I wish everyone a safe and blessed Easter season!  
Peace Be With You!  
Wayne O. Henze

## LENTEN FISH FRIES BEGIN



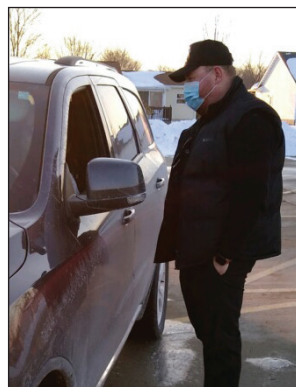
### PACKING DINNERS:

Left, Father Piotr Kosk helps the Highland Council 1580 pack dinners for the Annual Lenten Fish Fry.

*Photo by Bill Napper,  
The Pioneer Newspaper*

### THANK YOU AND GOD

**BLESS YOU:** Right, Father Piotr Kosk, Parochial Vicar at St. Paul Church, takes dinner orders from customers at the KC Drive-Thru Lenten Fish Fry. The event features both fried and baked fish dinners and is served from 4 p. m. - 7 p.m. on Fridays through April 2nd.



*Photo by Kim White*

# 39TH ANNUAL SPELLING BEE DEEMED A SUCCESS

Our 39th Annual Spelling Bee was a buzzing success! On February 7th, 2021 over 20 students vied for the Golden Bee Award. Congratulations to Claire Thole of St. Rose who took first place, Wilson Boulanger of St. Paul who took second place and Brock Holzinger of St. Paul who took third place. Thank you to all the participants and their supporting families. Participants were brave, bold and brilliant to step up and be spellers against such fierce competition. All participants were winners in their school spelling bees.

The Knights of Columbus, Highland Council 1580, held its 39th Annual Spelling Bee Championship at their facilities on route 143 in Highland, IL on February 7th, 2021.

Six schools were invited:

1. St. Paul School, Highland, IL. 62249
2. Highland Elementary School, Highland IL 62249
3. Highland Middle School, Highland IL 62249
4. Grantfork Elementary School, Grantfork IL 62249
5. St. Rose School, Breese IL 62230
6. Pocahontas Grade School, Pocahontas IL. 62275

The doors opened at noon for registration and the spelling bee started promptly at 2:00 PM.

The Spelling Bee was open to all boys and girls up to the age of 16. Trophies were awarded to the top three winners and all contestants received a certificate of participation. The top three winners will advance to the Regional

Spelling Bee, which will be held in March. The top three winners from the regional spelling bee will then advance to the State Spelling Bee, which will be held in April. With 1.7 million members, the Knights of Columbus is the world's largest Catholic family fraternal service organization. It provides members and their families with volunteer opportunities in service to the Catholic Church, the community, families and young people.

For those audience members who wanted to play along -- next year we'll have note cards and pencils for you to test your skills against the teams.

Questions?

Please contact John Genteman

618-980-2478 call or text  
jgenteman@gmail.com  
email



**WINNER:** Claire Thole (above) of St. Rose, was the first place winner of the 39th Annual Spelling Bee. Grand Knight Wayne Henze (above right) awards Thole the first place Trophy.

*Photo Provided*



**SECOND PLACE:** Brock Holzinger, of St. Paul School, took home the second place award.

*Photo Provided*



**THIRD PLACE:** Wilson Boulanger (left), of St. Paul School, took home the third place award. Grand Knight Wayne Henze is pictured at left.

*Photo Provided*

## COLUMBUS CLUB: TONY HEMANN, PRESIDENT

Hi all,

First, I'd like to thank all of you who supported events hosted by either the Council or the Columbus Club..

Second, I'd like to let you all know that the Chicken Wing Fry on Super Bowl Sunday was a success -- thanks to Bill Trickey, Dave Gall, Mike Carroll and all others involved.

Third -- things are opening up more and more. A local softball club held a Mouse Race in our KC Hall a couple weeks ago -- it was a success for them and also a good source of revenue for our Club -- I repeat -- OUR Club.

The first softball tournament of the year will be held on Mar 27 -- it's hosted by Richard Kunkle and supports St Jude's. A worthy cause and it can be a lot of fun to come out and watch -- especially if

you've been bogged down with cabin fever. Refreshments will be available.

Fourth -- when is the last time you have been in our KC Hall? It has had some excellent improvements in the last year.

New lighting and refinishing of the floors. The place looks GREAT. Dave Gall and Jerry Klostermann -- with the help of a few others and a LOT of elbow grease -- really revitalized OUR KC Hall.

That's probably enough for now -- I do try to emphasize that the facility belongs to all of us Council 1580 members - every Council Member is a member of the Columbus Club.

If you have any ideas for further improvements -- or revenue -- be sure to give me a holler -- by text or phone: (618) 410-2526.

Although things seem

to be on the upswing, improvements may need to wait for the revenue -- but you never know.

We also need help from time to time on the "Club side" -- whether working on facilities or working in the concession stand.

We also do plan to have a work day prior to the March 27 tournament -- or at least before the ball seasons are in "full swing". More information to come.

And, please don't forget, the Council is doing a last chance on the 2020 Gun Raffle (delayed since last April) and drawings will all be completed at the March Council Meeting -- March 9. Stop by the hall to get a ticket. (Or you can give me a call.)

Thanks, all the best and God Bless,

Tony

# LADIES AUXILIARY NEWS: KATHY LOHMAN, SECRETARY

Thank you, Lord, for waking me this morning.

Thank you, Lord, for a good night's rest.

Thank you, Lord, for the ability to get out of bed.

Thank you, Lord, for a warm bed.

Thank you, Lord, for a home to shelter me.

Thank you, Lord, for hot water at my fingertips.

Thank you, Lord, for clean drinking water.

Thank you, Lord, for indoor plumbing.

Thank you, Lord, for many choices of what to wear.

Thank you, Lord, for warm socks and shoes for my feet.

Thank you, Lord, for many selections of food in my pantry.

Thank you, Lord, for convenient cooking devices to prepare my food.

Thank you, Lord, for a work-

ing car and a garage to protect it so I don't have to scrape frosty windows.

Thank you, Lord, for being able to attend daily Mass and for the Priests in my parish.

Thank you, Lord, for nourishing me with your Precious Body.

Thank you, Lord, for those who clean the parking lots and sidewalks.

Thank you, Lord, for hands to move the beads of my Rosary.

Thank you, Lord, for my eyesight to behold you in Eucharistic Adoration.

Thank you, Lord, for my hearing so I can talk to my neighbor.

Thank you, Lord, for my legs to carry me wherever I want to go.

Thank you, Lord, for all the spiritual aids available to me.

Thank you, Lord, for technology to access daily spiritual

reflections and guidance and programs.

Thank you, Lord, for friends who call for a spontaneous lunch.

Thank you, Lord, for fellow Christian women to share a Bible Study.

Thank you, Lord, for family who love me and check on me.

Thank you, Lord, for another day to love you and serve you by praying for and helping others.

Thank you, Lord, for your unconditional love and mercy.

As the Bible verse in 1Thesalonians instructs us to "pray without ceasing, and to give thanks in all circumstances", we can see that it is not hard to do.

What are you thankful for today?

Our next auxiliary meeting is scheduled for March 2nd at 7:00pm.

## 4TH DEGREE NEWS

There will be an Honor Guard for the Bishop's Mass on Sunday March, 21 at 10 a.m.

Ed Campbell  
Faithful Navigator

Did you know that the fourth degree was established on February 22nd, 1900? That is over 121 years just a couple days ago! Members of this degree hold a special honor of the title "Sir Knight" and is commonly associated with being the public face of the Knights of Columbus.

Source: kofc.org

## KNIGHTS ATTEND UNIFIED EXEMPLIFICATION

On February 21st, Council #1580 welcomed two newly vested knights to our council and had another opportunity to experience the newly reorganized exemplification process. The importance of this new exemplification is allowing families in our order, to participate and accompany our newly vested knights. Blessed Fr. Michael J. McGivney taught his parish,

and us, the importance of the role of family within our church. Family is what keeps a church alive and thriving. Through the restructuring of this process, family kept engaged with the idea of secrecy being removed. Without family, we cannot have a thriving catholic community.

Please welcome our new brothers, Andrew Winning, and Fr. Piotr Kosk!



**NEWLY VESTED:** From left to right: Worthy District Deputy Joe Wetmore, Warden Jim Jatcko, Newly Vested Knight Andrew Winning, and Newly Vested Knight Fr. Piotr Kosk.



**SPEAKER:** Worthy District Warden Jim Jatcko gives and opening speech at the February 21 event.



**SPEAKER:** District Deputy Joe Wetmore gives the message of Unity at the Unified Exemplification event.

Photos by Jacob Rose

# SENIOR KNIGHT, KNIGHT OF THE MONTH, AND FAMILY OF THE MONTH AWARDS

**SENIOR KNIGHT OF THE MONTH:** Our brother Knight has been a Knight for 33 years. He transferred to our council in 2011. He has edited and printed our newsletter "The Knight Times" for the past 7 8 years. He has served as an officer of our Council and the Columbus Club. He has made many of our dinners and functions very successful by creating and publishing advertisements for these events. It is with great appreciation that we honor as Senior Knight of the Month for February 2021, our Brother Knight Bill Napper. Congratulations from the Highland Knights of Columbus Council 1580!

**KNIGHT OF THE MONTH:** Our Brother Knight has been a Knight for 41 years. He has worked at almost every event this council has sponsored. His most notable was his portrayal of Santa Claus at our December Drive-Thru Chicken Dinner and Virtual Christmas Caroling. It is with great appreciation that we honor as Knight of the Month for February 2021, our brother Knight John Kapp Jr. Congratulations from the Highland Knights of Columbus Council 1580!

**FAMILY OF THE MONTH:** Our Family of the month are very active with our Parish. Our Brother Knight has been a Knight for 13 Years. He was instrumental in starting the Queen Of Hearts game for this Council. He and his lady are on the Capital Campaign committee at St. Paul and most recently led a group of parishioners reupholstering the chairs of our church. Their contributions to our Parish and to our Council have been admirable. It is with great appreciation that we honor as Family of the Month for February 2021, Denis and Mary Thole! Congratulations from the Highland Knights of Columbus Council 1580!

## OUR CONDOLENCES

To the family of Brother Knight Larry Wiess.



## Highland Knights of Columbus Council 1580 March 2021



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	<b>1</b> 7:30 PM Fourth Degree Meeting	<b>2</b> 7:00 PM Ladies Auxiliary 7:00 PM Council Officers 8:00 PM Columbus Club	<b>3</b> No Bingo	<b>4</b> No Queen of Hearts	<b>5</b>  KC Drive Thru Lenten Fish Fry 4PM - 7PM	<b>6</b>  Fourth Degree Exemplification Online
<b>7</b>	<b>8</b>  7:00 PM Boy Scouts	<b>9</b> 7:30 PM KC Council Meeting	<b>10</b> No Bingo	<b>11</b> No Queen of Hearts	<b>12</b>  KC Drive Thru Lenten Fish Fry 4PM - 7PM	<b>13</b>
<b>14</b> Daylight Saving Begins	<b>15</b>  40 Days For Life KC Council 1580 Day at Granite City Abortion Clinic  Knight Time Singers - TBD	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b> Saint Patrick's Day  No Bingo  6:30 PM Virtual Insurance & Benefit Night at KC Hall	<b>18</b> No Queen of Hearts	<b>19</b>  KC Drive Thru Lenten Fish Fry 4PM - 7PM	<b>20</b> Start of Spring (Spring Equinox)  St. Paul Day at Granite City Abortion Clinic
<b>21</b>  Bishop's Mass 10:00 AM St. Paul Church Fundraiser for Vocations, Pro Life & Newman Centers	<b>22</b>  7:00 PM Boy Scouts	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b> No Bingo	<b>25</b> No Queen of Hearts	<b>26</b> KC Blood Drive 3 PM-7 PM  KC Drive Thru Lenten Fish Fry 4PM - 7PM	<b>27</b>
<b>28</b>  Easter Egg Hunt 1:00 PM at KC Hall	<b>29</b>  7:00 PM Boy Scouts	<b>30</b>	<b>31</b> No Bingo		 <b>Knights of Columbus INSURANCE</b> YOUR SHIELD FOR LIFE Luke Niemeyer, FICF, FSCP (618) 973-2601 Landon Schroeder, FIC (618) 402-2815	

# BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES: MARCH 2021

## BIRTHDAYS

01 - David Wilmsmeyer  
 01 - Dianne Hoyt  
 01 - Robert Luitjohan  
 02 - Daniel Jacober  
 02 - Debra Drury  
 02 - Justin Troxell  
 03 - Agnes Wellen  
 03 - Dennis Higgins  
 03 - Donna Goesten Kors  
 03 - Mark Frey  
 04 - Diane Boeser  
 04 - Mark Stephens  
 05 - Paul West  
 06 - Connie Ruffini  
 06 - Gary Gacevich  
 06 - Jacob Troxell  
 07 - Crista Decker  
 07 - Janeice White  
 07 - Linda Dunker  
 07 - Nancy Rieke  
 07 - Severin Emig  
 08 - James Campbell  
 08 - Trent Gnaedinger  
 08 - Ty Renko  
 09 - Brian Ruffini  
 09 - Patricia Kohlbrecher  
 10 - Arthur Schulte  
 10 - Michael Wetzel  
 11 - Connie Werner

11 - Dean Grapperhaus  
 11 - Martin Klostermann  
 11 - Travis Wellen  
 12 - Donald McCall  
 12 - Gerald Rehkemper  
 12 - Jessica Sickman  
 12 - Margaret Steinkoenig  
 13 - Harold Klaus  
 13 - Karen Kuhl  
 13 - Stanley Wessel  
 14 - James Vidmar  
 14 - Todd Korte  
 15 - Jared Gilomen  
 15 - Matthew Dermody  
 15 - Randy Luitjohan  
 15 - Steven Kloss  
 16 - Debra Keeven  
 16 - Dianne Voss  
 16 - Fr. Samuel Bagyo  
 16 - Susan Heim  
 16 - Suzanne Wilke  
 17 - Alan Joseph Drury  
 17 - Fr. Pat Jakel  
 17 - Jill Sauls  
 17 - Raymond Korte  
 18 - Jill Sinnock  
 18 - Marie Grandame  
 18 - Mary Haberer  
 18 - Robert Vance  
 18 - Thomas Hoffmann

19 - Debra Gomez Trost  
 19 - Howard Held  
 19 - Ian Kessler  
 19 - Michael Gilomen  
 19 - Randy Von Hatten  
 19 - Rita Tebbe  
 19 - Terrance Moore  
 20 - Lori Baumgartner  
 21 - Barbara Kampwerth  
 21 - James Stukenberg  
 21 - Marilyn Korte  
 21 - Rick Frey  
 22 - Connor Barr  
 22 - Kurt Korte  
 23 - Chad Klostermann  
 23 - David Melosi  
 23 - Julia Emig  
 23 - Randy Riggs  
 24 - Dee Luitjohan  
 24 - James Griesbaum  
 24 - Michael Haufler  
 24 - William Duncan  
 24 - William Gleason  
 25 - Bobbi Wernle  
 25 - Douglas Thurnau  
 25 - Leonard Thole  
 26 - Evan Capelle  
 27 - Daniel Neier  
 27 - Kathryn Comish  
 27 - Mary Carroll

28 - Jerold Winter  
 28 - Laura Jansen  
 28 - Michael Lengermann  
 28 - Therese Dickman  
 28 - Troby Gagen  
 29 - Danny Mc Cloud  
 29 - Scott Wick  
 29 - Timothy Singler  
 30 - Rosemary Rieke  
 31 - Geri Johnson

## ANNIVERSARIES

01 - Jefferey and Angela Smart  
 02 - John & Lynn Todt  
 06 - Brian & Kathryn Comish  
 07 - Keith & Laurie Frank  
 07 - Kent & Jackie Manning  
 13 - Phil & Diane Krydinski  
 14 - Daniel & Lu Ann Halloran  
 14 - Anthony & Susan Tebbe  
 15 - Mark & Donna Goesten-kors  
 20 - Gary & Tracy Frey  
 20 - Austin & Shari Meyer  
 21 - David & Therese Korte  
 21 - Robert & Debra Gomez Trost  
 23 - Vernell & Agnes Wellen  
 24 - Dale & Shirley Wellen  
 25 - Jerold & Tina Winter



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4 Easter  CLOSED	5 7:30 PM Fourth Degree Meeting	6 7:00 PM Ladies Auxiliary 7:00 PM Council Officers 8:00 PM Columbus Club	7 Bingo TBD	8 Queen of Hearts TBD	9	10  Wedding
11	12  7:00 PM Boy Scouts	13 7:30 PM KC Council Meeting	14 Bingo TBD	15 Tax Day (Taxes Due) Queen of Hearts TBD	16	17  Wedding
18	19	20	21 Administrative Bingo TBD	22 Earth Day Queen of Hearts TBD	23	24  Prom TBD
25  KC Drive Thru Chicken Dinner 10:00 AM - 2:00 PM	26  7:00 PM Boy Scouts	27	28 Bingo TBD	29 Queen of Hearts TBD	30 Arbor Day	

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### SAINT OF THE MONTH: ST. CATHERINE OF SWEDEN

Feast Day - March 22nd  
Born - 1331, Died - 1381

Catherine, the fourth child of St. Bridget Queen of Sweden, was required by her father to marry a German Nobleman at the approximate age of thirteen to fourteen years old, as with many women of this period. Upon marrying her husband, Catherine would persuade him in joining her in taking a vow of chastity. In taking this vow, the couple was able to devote themselves freely to a more spiritual and charitable life. Catherine, would accompany her saintly mother to Rome, refused all offers of marriage

when her husband died during this period, and would become head of her mother's religious order, the Brigittines, after her mother's passing. St. Catherine would later go on to advocate for her mother's canonization, and was abbess of Vadstena at the time of her death.

St. Catherine is often invoked for protection against miscarriages.

Sources:

- "Drinking with the Saints" - Michael P. Foley.

- [www.britannica.com](http://www.britannica.com)

Jacob W. Rose

### FROM THE EDITORS

We (Jacob and Emily Rose) just wanted to take a second to thank you all for the overwhelming positive responses to the February Newsletter! It is an absolute honor to be editing and designing the layout for the Knights of Columbus Council 1580's monthly newsletter!

Also, definitely take advantage of weekly Lenten Fish Fries. We had Jacob's parents over the first week of Lent to eat fish from the fish fry and it was absolutely delicious! They agreed that it was some of the best fish that they have had!

If you have a change of address or email, please contact the council to update their records. The council is charged for postage when the newslet-

ter is sent back.

Please do not hesitate to email me with any questions or concerns or even ideas for articles. As this is the second newsletter, there is always plenty of room to improve. You can email me at [editor.knighttimes@gmail.com](mailto:editor.knighttimes@gmail.com).

And as always, the council's website is a fantastic source for additional information. Please check it out at [www.highland-kc.org](http://www.highland-kc.org).

Also, check out our Facebook page!

